Delhi, an autonomous statutory organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, is fixed by the Executive Council of the University on the basis of income generated through investment of G.P. Funds accumulations and was 14 per cent per annum during the financial year 1994-95.

(b) The rate of interest being paid on G.P. Funds at present is considered quite reasonable in view of the following considerations:—

(i) the entire amount of interest credited to a subscriber's account in G.P. Fund is exempted from income-tax;

(ii) 20% of G.P. Funds subscriptions is allowed as rebate from the income- tax payable by the Government servants;

(iii) Advances and non-refundable withdrawals are permissible from G.P. Funds for specified purposes without any interest;

(iv) A free insurance cover upto a maximum of Rs. 30,000 and equal to the average balance in the account of the deceased over three years immediately preceding the death of the subscriber, whichever is lower, is allowed in G.P. Fund.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to revive this practice. When the bonus incentive was notified during 1975, the rate of interest on G.P. Funds was much less. After the enhancement of the interest rate to a uniform rate of 12 per cent with effect from 1.4.1986, the practice of paying 1/2 per cent bonus incentive to those employees who have not withdrawn any amount from their G.P. Funds was discontinued.

Request for Additional Allocation of Funds

1498. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have sought additional allocation of funds;

(b) whether Orissa is one of those States who has sought additional allocation under different projects in 8th plan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to consider the request of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the 8th Plan period the Government of Orissa sought request for additional allocation of assistance under different projects in 8th Plan period. However, the State Government has not been sanctioned additional Central assistance so far. During 1995-96 the State of Orissa has requested for an assistance of Rs. 5 crores for National Institute of Social Work and Social Services, Bhubaneshwar, which is under consideration in the Planning Commission.

Measures for Successful Negotiation by SEBs on power projects

1499. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the action taken to devised standardised power purchase agreements, fuel supply agreements transportation agreements and environmental guidelines to help state electricity boards to negotiate successfully on power projects involving competitive bidding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): Ministry of Power has circulated to all states guidelines on power purchase agreements (PPA). Typical Power Purchase Agreements have also been made available to the state functionaries through various training courses/ seminars/workshops. Model PPAs for both thermal as well as hydro plants have been developed with the help of international consultants and would be shortly finalised and made available to the states. Similarly, the Ministry of Coal together with Ministry of Railways is working on development of a legally enforceable fuel supply and transportation agreement. Regarding environmental aspects, the Ministry of Environment and Forests have laid down detailed norms that the projects are required to satisfy. The detailed guidelines on competitive bidding issued in January, 1995 also cover the overall aspects that need to be taken care of for projects to be put up through

competative bidding.

Contract to Mazagon Ltd.

1500. SHRI IREN J. SHAN:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Ministry is aware of a proposal of the ONGC to award a contract of approximately Rs. 261 crores to Mazagon Dock Limited without inviting bids;

(b) whether a decision in principle was taken at a meeting convened by Secretary, Petroleum on 21st November, 1990 with DEA officials that Indian yards should compete in ICB tenders, but for sometime they may be considered on nomination basis;

(a) What role does the Finance Ministry have in preventing impropriateis in placement contracts on nomination basis, and

(d) Has there been any review in the last five years be DEA in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Finance has consultative role in this matter. Reviews, if considered necessary, are to be conducted by the concerned administrative Ministry.

केसोद, पोरबन्दर और कांडला विमानपत्तनों के के लिए निधियों का आवंटन

1501. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के अध्यक्ष ने हाल ही में वार्षिक बजट से गुजरात में, केसोद, पोरबन्दर और कांडला विमानपत्तनों के विकास हेतु निधियां आवंटित हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उपर्युक्त विमानपत्तनों में से प्रत्येक के लिए कितनी राशि स्वीकृत की गयी है;

(ग) क्या उपर्युक्त विमानपत्तनों के संबंध में राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण मुम्बई क्षेत्र के निदेशक द्वारा भेदभाव पूर्ण रवैया अपनाया जा रहा है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान उक्त विमानपत्तनों के लिए कोई विशेष प्रावधान किया है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) और (ख) भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण ने पोरबन्दर हवाई अड्डे पर नए टर्मिनल भवन और रिहायशी मकानों के निर्माण के लिए वर्ष 1996-97 की वार्षिक योजना में 2.50 करोड़ रुपए का आवंटन किया है। केशोद और कांडला हवाई अड्डों के लिए कोई आवंटन नहीं किया गया है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान पोरबन्दर हवाई अड्डे के लिए 2.60 करोड़ रुपए आवंटित किए है।

Occupation of Quarters by Employees of Ashok Hotel

1502. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3050 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and state what action has been taken against the employees who have forcibly occupied the staff quarters in "C" Block of Ashok Hotel and what is the present position of the case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Fifty eight employees of Ashok Hotel had forcibly occupied 58 staff quarters in "C" Block during the period from 1990—1993. However, as on 1.12.1995, a total number of 32 staff quarters have been vacated out of 58 unauthorisedly occupied. In respect of the remaining cases, it has been decided to charge penal rent @ Rs.300/- per month for the period of unauthorised occupation and also process the disciplinary action.